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# Village Connect

Electronic Newsletter

*"To Provide a Safe, Quality Community Environment for all Islanders through Responsible Government"*

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## Event Calendar

### February Bulky Waste Pick-up Week

Dates: Feb. 14-18, 2011

### K-8 School Workshop

Date: Feb. 15, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

### Movies on the Green

Date: Feb. 18, 2011

Place: Village Green

### President's Day: Village Offices Closed, Community Center Open

Date: Feb. 21, 2011

## February 2011

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### Interview with Village Mayor Caplan

Get to know Mayor Franklin Caplan in this video interview (click [here](#) to view).

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### Red Light Camera Violation Warning Period Ends February 16th

The Village's first red light safety cameras began taking photos of vehicles running red lights at the Harbor Drive/Crandon Boulevard intersection on January 17, 2011. The cameras capture still images and video of red light violations. During the 30-day warning period, a warning notice, with no fine, will be issued to the vehicle's registered owner. At the completion of the warning period, citations will be issued. The program is administered by American Traffic Solutions, Inc. with each violation reviewed and approved by Key Biscayne Police Department officers prior to being issued. More information about Key Biscayne's red light safety program is available at this [Village website News article](#).

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### Sign Up for Babysitter's Training Course at the Community Center

On Saturday, February 26, the American Red Cross will offer a Babysitter's Training Course to provide youth with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly care for children and infants. This training will help participants develop leadership skills, and learn how to keep themselves and others safe, how to help children behave and how to start a babysitting business. Basic child care and first aid instruction are included. Space is limited and pre-registration is required by February 18. More information is available at this [News article at www.activeislander.org](http://www.activeislander.org).

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### Solid Waste Bill and Updated Recycling Date/Bulk

**Pension Workshop**

Date: Feb. 22, 2011

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

**K-8 Educational  
Advisory Board  
Meeting**

Date: Mar. 1, 2011

Time: 9:15 am

Place: BZP Conference  
Room, Village Hall

**Village Council  
Meeting**

Date: Mar. 8, 2011

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Council Chamber

**March Bulky Waste  
Pick-up Week**

Dates: Mar. 14-18, 2011

**Rotary Club of Key  
Biscayne Art Festival**

Date: Mar. 19-20, 2011

Place: Village Green

**Sony Ericsson Open  
Tennis Tournament**

Dates: Mar. 21-Apr. 4,  
2011

Place: Crandon Park  
Tennis Center

**Pension Board  
Meeting**

Date: Mar. 24, 2011

Time: 5:30 pm

Place: Council Chamber

**April Bulky Waste  
Pick-up Week**

Dates: Apr. 11-15, 2011

**Village Council  
Meeting**

Date: Apr. 12, 2011

**Waste Info in the Mail**

Residents in single-family homes and duplexes will receive their Village Solid Waste bills in the mail this month. Avoid late charges by paying on time. If you have not received the invoice by February 28, please call at (305) 365-7564. In the same envelope you will find an important notice that the weekly recycling pick-up day is changing to Wednesday's effective March 2, 2011. There is no change in the list of acceptable items. Please have your blue recycling bins ready by 7:00 am on Wednesday's at the curb or in your side/back yard. A 2011 Bulky Waste monthly pick-up map/schedule is also included. More information about solid waste and recycling services is available at the [Public Works section of the Village website](#).

**Village Employee of the Year is Oria Perez**

Oria Perez's commitment to excellent customer service and professional attitude earned her the distinction of 2010 Village Employee of the Year. As the Receptionist/Permit Clerk in the Department of Building, Zoning and Planning, she interacts with residents, contractors, architects and others, and answers questions, resolves issues or directs them to other employees. Since her desk is in the common area near the Village Manager's office, Mrs. Perez often answers inquiries about all Village services and functions. If she cannot answer a question based on her ten years of experience at the Village, she knows who can. Her goal is to make the interaction of a customer with Village staff a pleasant one.

**Lt. Ted Pautauros Named Firefighter of the Year**

The Fire Rescue Department is proud to announce that Fire Lieutenant Theodore "Ted" Pautauros is the 2010 Firefighter of the Year. Lt. Pautauros, one of the original members of the Department, was chosen due to outstanding performance on several high-stress calls as well as his excellence service and representation for the past eighteen years. Lt. Pautauros has embraced the Department's philosophy of making decisions to do the right thing, being an excellent advocate for Fire Rescue and providing excellent customer service to the Island's residents and visitors.

**KBPD Recognizes Detective Jose**

Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: Council Chamber

### **Key Biscayne Relay for Life**

Dates: Apr. 15-16, 2011  
Place: Village Green

### **4th Annual Electronics Recycling Drive**

Date: April 16, 2011  
Time: 8:30 am-1:30 pm  
Place: West Enid Drive  
between Village Hall and  
Winn-Dixie

### **21st Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Dates: Apr. 16, 2011  
Time: 9:30 am SHARP!  
Place: Village Green

### **Village Council Meeting (Zoning)**

Date: Apr. 26, 2011  
Time: 7:00 pm  
Place: Council Chamber  
*More information on  
these events is available  
at the Village website  
Event Calendar*

### **Contact Information**

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## **Gondar as Police Officer of the Year**

Detective Jose Gondar was awarded the "2010 Police Officer of the Year" for exemplary performance in 2011. According to Chief Charles R. Press, "Detective Gondar's [case] clearance rate is in excess of 80%, which is phenomenal, especially when you have property crime like we do." His casework in the past year included a significant drug bust that led to arrests throughout South Florida. In Detective Gondar's eleven years with the Village, he has broken up graffiti rings, helped end long-running fraud cases and solved countless thefts and robberies.



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## **KBPD Recognizes Jeanette Quijano as Civilian Employee of the Year**

Police Dispatcher Jeanette Quijano was awarded the honor of "2010 Civilian Employee of the Year". Last year she assisted a Key Biscayne resident who spotted a group of armed gunmen outside her house while inside with family members. The woman called Key Biscayne Police and was connected with Dispatcher Quijano. Quijano kept the resident on the line while calming her fears, assuring her that help was on the way and advising her how to safeguard herself and her family. Dispatcher Quijano stated that because of her training, she was able to assist the resident efficiently. Chief Charles R. Press stated "the maturity level she displayed in what would have been a frightening call for any dispatcher really proved her character."



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## **Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, April 16**

Celebrate Earth Day by bringing your obsolete, broken or surplus computers, printers, TVs, media players, cell phones and other electronics to Village Hall for the 4th Annual Electronics Recycling Drive. Spent batteries and fluorescent lamps of all sizes are accepted as well. Drop off your items via a convenient drive-through from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm along West Enid Drive south of Village Hall (between Village Green Way and Fernwood Road). More information is available at [www.keybiscayne.fl.gov](http://www.keybiscayne.fl.gov). (Add link)

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## **Village Department News You Can Use**

**Community Center**

(305) 365-8900

**Building, Zoning, and Planning**

(305) 365-5512

**Village Hall**

88 West McIntyre Street

Key Biscayne, Florida

33149

[www.keybiscayne.fl.gov](http://www.keybiscayne.fl.gov)

***Administration/Finance:***

Please be courteous to your neighbors and pick-up after your dog! A Village Ordinance requires the removal of dog feces deposited on public or private property. Dog waste disposal stations, complete with "doggy bags", are conveniently located along Crandon Boulevard, Harbor Drive, East Enid Drive, and Grapetree Drive. If you walk your dog along other streets make sure you carry your own bag. Remember that dogs are not allowed in Village parks.

***Building, Zoning and Planning:***

The Department is pleased to welcome back John C. Lindgren, Jr., as Chief Plumbing Inspector. This is Mr. Lindgren's second stint in this position as he worked for the Village from 1994 to 2004. On his departure, Cliff Lindgren took over both Plumbing and Mechanical disciplines. The need for a separate Chief Plumbing Inspector arose due to increased construction activities in the Key. Based on feedback from our residents and contractors, we are very lucky to have Chiefs with extensive experience.

***Parks and Recreation:***

The public is advised not to park in the SunTrust Bank parking lot during business hours for any non-bank purposes (i.e. visiting the Community Center, Village Green or Village Hall). The Village has been notified that any vehicles in the lot whose drivers are not doing business with SunTrust are subject to towing at the owner's expense. Branch hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday thru Thursday and 9:00 am to 6:00pm Friday. Free public parking is available in the Community Center parking garage or on surface streets around the Village Hall complex. We appreciate your cooperation.

***Police:***

The speed limit on most Village streets is 20 mph. The only exceptions are Crandon Boulevard and Harbor Drive where you may drive 30 mph. Remember to wear your seat belts and properly secure infants and young children per [safety regulations required State law](#) explained at the Village website. [Safety tips for child booster seat and seat belt use](#) also are also available online.

***Public Works:***

Public Works reminds single-family and duplex residents that bulk waste may be placed curbside up to 24 hours before your scheduled pick-up (the [monthly schedule is available online](#) at the Village website). Properties located on the Monday pickup route may place items as early as the previous Friday.

Comments? Questions? Suggestions? Send an email to [jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov](mailto:jmedina@keybiscayne.fl.gov)

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